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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Presentation, Protecting Against National Security Threats to the
Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, WC Docket No. 18-89.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 27, 2019, Jeff Johnston, Lead Economist, Communications of CoBank delivered the attached statement verbally at a workshop hosted by Commissioner Geoffrey Starks. The workshop was entitled "Security Vulnerabilities Within Communications Networks: Find It, Fix It, Fund It." During the workshop and in response to the questions from Commissioner Starks, Jeff referenced information from his recent report, *Equipement Ban Creates Static for Rural Telecom Operators*. A copy of this report is attached.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed in ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Tyree".

Sarah Tyree
Vice President, Policy and Public Affairs